

## Brief Overview

- ▶ The MCTP degree is a 36-hour program that ends with a student's choice of a culminating experience. Students complete the program by writing a thesis, completing a professional project, or passing a comprehensive examination.

Highly motivated and well prepared students can complete the MCTP degree in one calendar year (including one summer), though most can complete in one-and-a-half year.

"I am an expert not only on our technology platform but an experienced project manager who is always willing to learn and apply new concepts...I was pleasantly surprised to find that there were opportunities to learn from working professionals, classes had more interaction than a traditional classroom, and I was able to tailor my career goals from several courses taken and advice given by MCTP professors."

- Nicole Davis, project manager in eBusiness at HSBC Bank USA



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## Master of Communication Technology and Policy

**The Residential Graduate Program  
in the  
J. Warren McClure School  
of Information and  
Telecommunication Systems**

**Ohio University**  
Athens, Ohio

Scripps College of Communication

# Looking for the next step?

Consider the Master of Communication Technology and Policy (MCTP) degree program in residence at Ohio University.

The MCTP is a multi-faceted degree program that studies the technical, policy, and strategic issues involved in telecommunication and information technologies, systems, and services.

MCTP graduates gain a broad understanding of the field, from the technical underpinnings of Internet and wireless technologies to the social policy questions fundamental to universal telephone service to the business considerations involved in deploying broadband networks.

“I feel the MCTP program gave me a distinct advantage in my search for employment. It gave me knowledge and experience in the latest technologies that I continue to use to this day.”

- Justin Dyke, Network Consulting Engineer, Cisco Systems

## Employment Opportunities

Employers are pleased by the comprehensive nature of the MCTP degree, and graduates are pursuing careers as network engineers, computer network specialists, utility analysts, project managers, software engineers, and telecom analysts at a host of companies.

“The interviewers were really impressed and surprised by the policy track that I had taken during my grad studies. My new job is literally going to encompass all aspects of telecommunications, which reinforces the fact that MCTP has prepared me for the job market and my AT&T job as well.”

- Ritesh Sabharwahi, leaving AT&T to become Sr. Network Analyst at Columbian Telecommunication Corp

MCTP graduates have found opportunities at such companies as AT&T, VerizonBusiness, Cisco Systems, Progressive Insurance, Time Warner, Microsoft, PowerNet Global, HSBC Bank, and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Graduates have also found the MCTP degree an effective stepping stone to further graduate study.

## Technology and Policy

MCTP students choose an emphasis in either technology or policy, but receive a foundation in both areas, as well as in the strategic factors involved in using information and telecommunication systems and services as a competitive advantage.

## Qualifications

A variety of undergraduate degrees are good preparation for the MCTP degree. Some examples of degrees that provide a good basis for a technology emphasis are Telecom, Computer Science, MIS, or Electrical Engineering; examples of degrees that are a good preparation for a policy emphasis are Economics, Political Science, Information Studies, or Public Administration.

“The knowledge and analytical skills I obtained from the program laid a solid foundation for my doctoral study in public policy. Thanks to my masters’ study, I have found my research niche and I have a clear career goal in the field of regulatory policies.”

- Jing Liu, PhD student at Ohio State University